Diversion of funds for tribal sub-plan in Kerala

2767. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports on diversion of fund allocated for tribal sub-plan in Kerala, which appeared in the 'Hindu' dated 25th July, 2002 and also on electronic media like Surya and Asianet;

(b) if so, the details of fund diverted and officials *prima-facie* responsible; and the steps taken to rectify the same;

(c) whether an inquiry would be initiated by an independent agency;

(d) whether any such incident of diversion of fund sanctioned to tribals was reported during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details including action taken for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information has been called for from the Government of Kerala, which will be laid on the Table of the House on its receipt.

(d) and (e) No case of diversion of funds by the State Governments has been reported during the last three years.

Implementation of Tribal Welfare Schemes

2768. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some irregularities have been alleged in the implementation of tribal welfare schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?